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1. A new type of underpass was introduced in those sections of border obstacles which were rebuilt in 1955. This new type is used especially in marshy terrain where the old type was often flooded with water.

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2. The underpasses are always locked, and the keys are kept in the company commander's safe. Each underpass has two different locks, one for the Czechoslovak side of the obstacle and the other on the German side. The underpasses at the contact points between the companies are usually unlocked during the daytime.

3. Description of the underpass

(1) The outer body of the underpass is a welded rectangular prism made of rustproof sheet metal and painted gray. The prism is 550 centimeters long, 180 centimeters high and 100 centimeters wide. It is open on both ends at the sides; the openings are 180 x 100 centimeters large and are worked out into slanted prisms opened at the tops (2).

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(3) Wooden steps fixed to the slanted wall.

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(4) Wooden lids 100 x 100 centimeters large made of 5-centimeter-thick wooden boards braced with iron bands. The lid opens upwards.

(a) Hinges connecting the lids to wooden frames fixed into sheet metal prisms.

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(b) Iron band, 8 centimeters wide, screwed to the wooden lid.

(c) Cutout for a lock's eye which is fixed to the frame.

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(e) Sliding metal cover 15 x 30 centimeters large which protects the lock against damage and weather.

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